

REMARKS

Claims 3, 5, and 20 are pending with claims 1, 2, 4, 6–19, and 21–24 canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amendments to the specification

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful reading of the instant specification. As per requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.1821-1.825, the sequences recited at pages 5–6, 10, and 13 of the instant specification have been identified by appropriate sequence identifiers. These sequences and their sequence identifiers (SEQ ID NOS.: 20–23) have been incorporated into the revised listing of sequences, enclosed herein. The attached paper and electronic versions of the SEQUENCE LISTING are identical and do not contain new matter.

Claim Amendments

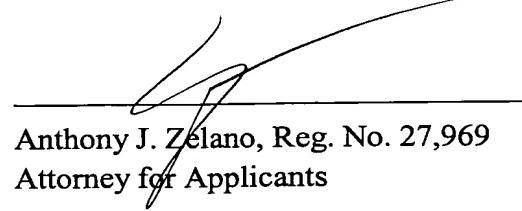
Claim 3 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C § 101

Claims 3, 5, and 20 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 101 due to allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection is moot in view of amendment of claim 3. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$ 1020.00 is enclosed for the three-month extension of time fee. No other fees are believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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